

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) A method for locating searched terms in an image file received from a search engine, the method comprising:

submitting a search term to a search engine having an indexed file database of image files;

receiving an indexed file that cross-references image files to the search term;

performing an optical character recognition (OCR) operation on a selected image file;

locating coordinates in the image file corresponding to the search term; and,

automatically displaying the image file at the coordinates.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein automatically displaying the image file at the coordinates includes displaying the search term located at the image file coordinates.

3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein displaying the search term located at the image file coordinates includes highlighting the displayed search term located at the image file coordinates.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein performing an OCR operation on the image file includes performing an OCR operation on an image file in a format selected from the group including tagged image file format (TIFF) and portable document (PDF) formats.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein submitting a search term includes submitting a text search term.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein submitting a search term includes submitting a search term selected from the group including keywords, ASCII symbols, word patterns, and data patterns.

7. (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:
accepting a search term at a user interface (UI); and,
wherein submitting a search term to a search engine includes submitting the search term, accepted at the UI, from a main application.

8. (original) The method of claim 7 further comprising:
in response to receiving an indexed file cross-referencing image files to the search term, selecting an image file at the UI;
opening a viewer application;
in response to opening the viewer application, launching an OCR engine; and,
wherein performing an OCR operation on the image file includes performing an OCR operation on the selected image file in response to launching the OCR engine.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein locating coordinates in the image file corresponding to the search term includes the OCR engine supplying the coordinates to the viewer application.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein automatically displaying the image file at the coordinates includes the viewer application highlighting the text at the coordinates supplied by the OCR engine.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein receiving an indexed file cross-referencing image files to the search term includes receiving a plurality of image file references; and,

wherein selecting an image file includes selecting an image file from among the plurality of received image file references.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein opening a viewer application includes opening a viewer application, selected from a plurality of viewer applications, in response to the format of the selected image file.

13. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein locating coordinates in the image file corresponding to the search term includes locating a sequence of bytes in the image file.

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